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TAGS: PINT, SF
SUBJ: PRESSURE BUILDS ON GOVERNMENT EITHER TO CHARGE
OR RELEASE DETAINEES

REF: CAPE TOWN 0755, DURBAN A-106

1. FOLLOWING PERIOD OF APPARENT ABSENCE OF CONCERN OVER FATE SOME 40 SASO/BPC LEADERS HELD UNDER TERRORISM ACT, PRESSURE BUILDING TO HAVE GOVERNMENT EITHER FORMALLY CHARGE OR RELEASE DETAINEES. SEVEN PROMINENT NATAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE CALLED UPON "FELLOW BELIEVERS" TO SET ASIDE FOUR DAYS OF PRAYER FOR DETAINEES. AMONG RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP DENIS HURLEY, ANGLICAN BISHOP HALLOWES, OTHER PROTESTANT, JEWISH AND MOSLEM CLERICS.

2. CONCERN OVER FATE OF DETAINEES HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED BY KWAZULU CABINET, NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS, AND BLACK SASH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION.

3. DR. M.B. NAIDOO, INDIAN OBSERVER ON SOUTH AFRICAN UN DELEGATION AND NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN
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INDIAN COUNCIL (SAIC), STATED HE WILL RAISE ISSUE OF

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DETAINEES WITH PRIME MINISTER WHEN LATTER OPENS SAIC
NOVEMBER 27. (DURBAN A-106).

4. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT STILL HAS NOT REVEALED WHEN DETAINEES
WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. WHILE PROTESTS OVER DETENTIONS
WILL PROBABLY HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION, THEY SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE AS REMINDER TO
GOVERNMENT THAT DETAINEES CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN AND MERELY
LEFT IN JAIL.
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